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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G. LINCOLN CENTER, JULY 17:

WE HAVE HIGH WATER IN ALL OUR BROOKS AND STREAMS. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING GOOD STREAM FISHING. MANY PEOPLE, MOSTLY NONRESIDENTS, ARE FLOCKING TO OUR BASS LAKES. ONE WOULD ASSUME THAT DEER ARE QUITE PLENTIFUL, JUDGING FROM THE NUMBER BEING SEEN, CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS, AND CAR-DEER COLLISIONS. MOOSE ARE A COMMON SIGHT AT BAXTER STATE PARK AND VICINITY. ALSO, QUITE A FEW BEAR BEING SEEN. THE BOATING SEASON HAS NOT HIT ITS PEAK YET, IN THIS DIVISION. THIS SHOULD OCCUR IN AUGUST IF WE HAVE WARM WEATHER.

FROM SUPERVISOR PRIEST, JULY 31:

INTEREST IN FISHING HAS SLACKED OFF CONSIDERABLY. IT IS HARD TO FIND A SINGLE FISHERMAN ON SOME DAYS. DEER ARE SHOWING UP FAIRLY WELL WITH QUITE A BIT OF CROP DAMAGE REPORTED.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E. WILTON, JULY 28:

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: ON JULY 19, I CAME UPON TWO BOYS IN A CANOE ON FLAGSTAFF LAKE. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF AN "ORGANIZED" CANOE TRIP AND WERE LOST. I HAD SEEN THE MAIN GROUP THAT MORNING AND SO WAS ABLE TO LOCATE THEIR COUNSELORS SOME FIVE MILES AWAY. GROUSE ARE NOT SHOWING UP WELL, BUT I RECENTLY SAW A HEN MERGANSER ACCOMPANIED BY 26 YOUNG.

FROM SUPERVISOR SHAW, AUG. 7:

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: GROUSE ARE NOT SHOWING WELL. I OBSERVED ONLY ONE BROOD IN JULY. THREE BEAR VISIT THE DEER FARM CAMPS AT KINGFIELD MOST EVERY DAY AROUND 7:30 P.M.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: FISHING AND BOATING ACTIVITY SEEM TO BE VERY LIGHT THIS YEAR. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND BUT THEY SEEM TO BE JUST VACATIONING. WHILE THE FISHING HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY GOOD THIS SUMMER IN RANGELEY LAKE, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO LITTLE INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE FISHERMEN.



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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, JULY 29:

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: SALMON FISHING AT DAMARISCOTTA LAKE VERY GOOD FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: THE WEATHER HAS BEEN ABOUT THE WORST FOR JULY AS CAN BE REMEMBERED. IT WAS FOGGY MOST DAYS UNTIL ABOUT 11 IN THE MORNING. SOME DAYS IT WOULD CLEAR OFF AND OTHER DAYS IT WOULD BE DAMP ALL DAY. WHEN IT DID CLEAR OFF, THE FOG WOULD COME IN FROM THE SEA AT ABOUT 7 P.M. THE FARMERS ARE WAY BEHIND ON THEIR HAYING AND A LOT HAS SPOILED. FISHERMEN ARE ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE HARD TO FIND.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, AUG. 4:

THE VALUE OF LIFE JACKETS HAS BEEN FORCEFULLY EXHIBITED TO US THIS WEEK. ON SUNDAY, JULY 30, A CANOE WITH THREE PASSENGERS TIPPED OVER IN THE MATTAWAMKEAG RIVER. TWO OF THE THREE COULDN'T SWIM. ONE OF THE NON-SWIMMERS WAS ABLE TO GRASP THE CANOE AND CLING TO IT. THE OTHER ONE WAS DROWNED AS THE LIFE PRESERVER CUSHIONS FLOATED DOWN THE RIVER JUST BEYOND HIS GRASP.

ON AUGUST 3, AT NORTH TWIN LAKE, A FATHER TOOK HIS THREE YOUNG SONS, AGED 5, 7 AND 9, FISHING. HE TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF PUTTING LIFE JACKETS ON THEM. HE HAD NONE FOR HIMSELF. THE BOAT CAPSIZED, AND HE WAS DROWNED WHILE THE THREE YOUNGSTERS FLOATED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE BEING RESCUED. IN SUMMATION I WOULD SAY, "HAVE LIFE PRESERVER JACKETS AND WEAR THEM."

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, AUG. 6:

IT HAS BEEN GOOD CANOEING ON THE ALLAGASH AND ST. JOHN RIVERS MOST OF THE SUMMER. THE HEAVY SHOWERS DURING JULY, ABOUT EVERY OTHER DAY, HAVE FAVORED THE CANOEIST. FISHING HAS BEEN EXCELLENT IN SQUARE AND EAGLE LAKES DURING THE SUMMER. JOEL VOISINE OF FT. FAIRFIELD, MAINE, INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS HAD THE BEST FISHING EVER IN SQUARE LAKE. HE STATED THAT HE BOATED A SQUARE-TAIL WEIGHING CLOSE TO FIVE POUNDS. DEER AND MOOSE ARE NOT SHOWING UP AS PLENTIFULLY AS THEY DID LAST MONTH, MOST LIKELY DUE TO NOT BEING BOTHERED BY FLIES AS THEY WERE EARLIER. I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS OF MINOR CAMP BREAKS FROM THE SUMMER RESIDENTS OF CROSS LAKE. MOST APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF MINORS. ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS OCCURRED LAST MONTH AT BLACK LAKE, T.15, R.9, WHEN IT SEEMS THAT THERE WAS A QUITE CONSIDERABLE MORTALITY IN THE PERCH POPULATION. SEVERAL BLUEBACK TROUT WERE FOUND DEAD BY FISHERMEN, AND EACH ONE HAD A PARTIALLY SWALLOWED PERCH.

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THE TROUT WERE ABOUT ALL OF THE SAME SIZE, 5 - 6 INCHES IN LENGTH, AND IT APPEARED THAT THEY COULD NOT SWALLOW THE PERCH NOR COULD THEY DISGORGE THEM. SIX TROUT WERE TURNED IN TO INSPECTOR HERBERT VERNON BY A FORT KENT FISHERMAN.

WARDEN GAYNOL PEARY, T.15, R.15: FISHING HAS BEEN SLACK IN THIS AREA DURING THE LAST WEEK DUE MOSTLY TO THE MANY SHOWERS AND RISE OF WATER. VERY LITTLE FISHING ACTIVITY AND ONLY A FEW FISH BEING CAUGHT. THE OUTLOOK FOR THE HUNTING SEASON LOOKS VERY GOOD NOW WITH MANY FLOCKS OF PARTRIDGE SHOWING UP. ALSO QUITE A FEW DEER. BEAR AND MOOSE SEEM TO BE MORE PLENTIFUL THIS YEAR THEN THEY WERE LAST FALL. I HAVE SEEN QUITE A FEW COW MOOSE WITH CALVES. I FOUND ONE COW WITH TWIN CALVES.